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SUBJECT: POLICE AND STUDENTS CLASH

1. ON MARCH 8 IZMIR EXPERIENCED FIRST VIOLENT STUDENT-POLICE CLASH IN RECENT YEARS AS LEFTIST STUDENTS SOUGHT RECOVER REMAINS OF FORMER STUDENT SHOT FEB. 29 BY ALLEGED COMMANDO.
2. THE "COMMANDO", REPORTEDLY SERDAR TURAN-A REGISTERED NAPE MEMBER AND STUDENT AT BUCA ADVANCED SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE, WAS DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS TRAILING IBRAHIM DOLEN, FELLOW STUDENT AND PRESIDENT OF BUCA STUDENTS ASSOCIATION THAT SPONSORED FEB. 28 IZMIR DEMONSTRATION (REPORTED OTHER CHANNELS), AND FORMER BUCA STUDENT HYSEYIN GUZEL. TURAN BEGAN FIRING

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PISTOL, WOUNDING TWO PASSERS-BY AND GUZEL, WHO DIED MARCH 7.

3. GROUP OF BUCA STUDENTS PROCEEDED TO LOCAL HOSPITAL MORNING OF MARCH 8, SHOUTING ANTI-GOVERMENT SLOGANS, TO CLAIM GUZEL'S REMAINS, REPORTEDLY WITH PERMISSION OF HIS FAMILY. POLICE, HOWEVER, DISPERSED STUDENTS VIOLENTLY, ARRESTING 18. IN AFTERNOON LARGER NUMBER OF STUDENTS (LOCAL PRESS, NORMALLY GIVEN TO EXAGGERATION, ESTIMATED ABOUT 1,000) FROM BORNOVA CAMPUS OF AEGEAN UNIVERSITY PLUS BUCA ASSEMBLED AT HEAVILY UNCLASSIFIED

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FREQUENTED KONAK SQUARE (NEAR HOSPITAL) TO REASSERT DEMAND

FOR GUZEL'S REMAINS, SHOUTING ANTI-GOVERNMENT, ANTI-POLICE SLOGANS. WHEN STUDENTS LEARNED POLICE HAD REMOVED REMAINS FOR BURIAL, VIOLENCE ERUPTED -- PRESS ASSERTED STUDENTS FIRST ATTACKED POLICE. POLICE FIRED IN AIR AND USED TRUNCHEONS TO DISPERSE DEMMONSTRATORS, ARRESTING NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND REPORTEDLY SEVERAL NEWSMEN WHO WERE ON THE SCENE. ACCORDING ONE EYEWITNESS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE, POLICE "EXPLODED" -- BEATING AND KICKING INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS. HOWEVER, TODAY'S PRESS REFERS ONLY TO ONE MINOR INJURY.

4. IZMIR POLICE, DESPITE FREQUENT ASSIGNMENNTS IN CONNECTION WITH STUDENT DEMMONSTRATIONS, HAVE HITHERTO MANIFESTED

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REMARKABLE RESTRAINT. (ON OTHER HAND, WE AWARE OF ONLY ONE SMALL INCIDENT IN LAST SIX MONTHS WHEN STUDENTS ATTACKED POLICE, I.E., THROWING ROCKS AT POLICE CAR, THUS LOCAL POLICE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROVOKED AS REPORTEDLY THEY WERE YESTERDAY.)

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